U. S. Application No. 10/978,524 Group Art Unit: 1762

Page 3 of 10

## In the Claims:

Please amend the claims so that the pending claim set reads as follows:

1. (Original) A method for extrusion coating a lightweight web comprising:

feeding a length of lightweight web along with a length of carrier web to an
extruder with the lightweight web atop the carrier web;

extruding a polymer film coating onto the lightweight web and carrier web in the extruder so that a surface of the lightweight web is coated by the extruded coating to provide an extrusion-coated lightweight web; and

separating the extrusion-coated lightweight web from the carrier web.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the lightweight web has a width less than the a width of the carrier web and is affixed to the carrier web by the polymer film coating, and wherein a width of the polymer film coating is greater than the width of the lightweight web.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the lightweight web exhibits deformations when subjected to a tension of about 0.5 pli or less.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the polymer film coating comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of low density polyethylene (LDPE), polyolefin plastomers (POP), polyolefin elastomers (POE), linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE), high density polyethylene (HDPE), polypropylene (PP), ethylene methyl acrylate copolymer (EMA), ethylene butyl acrylate copolymer (EnBA), ethylene methyl acrylic acid copolymer (EMAA), ionomoers, ethylene vinyl alcohol (EVOH), polyesters such as polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polyamides, and one of the foregoing.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the lightweight web is a nonwoven fabric.
  - 6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the lightweight web is a paper web.
  - 7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the lightweight web is a metal foil.

U. S. Application No. 10/978,524

Group Art Unit: 1762

Page 4 of 10

- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the lightweight web has a MD curl of less than about 3 inches as measured by TAPPI UM 427.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the lightweight web has insufficient strength properties in the absence of the underlying carrier web to withstand forces imposed upon it in an extruder coating station.
  - 10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the carrier web is a heavyweight web.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the carrier web is a second lightweight web.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the polymer film coating comprises a coextrusion of at least two layers of polymer films.
  - 13. (Withdrawn) A coated web product comprising:
    - a lightweight web; and
- a polymer coating extrusion and coated thereon wherein the lightweight web is substantially undeformed.
- 14. (Withdrawn) The product of claim 13 wherein the lightweight web is a nonwoven fabric.
  - 15. (Withdrawn) The product of claim 13 wherein the lightweight web is a paper web.
  - 16. (Withdrawn) The product of claim 13 wherein the lightweight web is a metal foil.
- 17. (Withdrawn) The product of claim 13 wherein the lightweight web exhibits deformations when subjected to a tension of about 0.5 pli or less.
- 18. (Withdrawn) The product of claim 13 wherein the lightweight web has a MD curl of less than about 3 inches as measured by TAPPI UM 427.

U. S. Application No. 10/978,524 Group Art Unit: 1762

Page 5 of 10

- 19. (Withdrawn) The product of claim 13 wherein the polymer coating extruded onto the lightweight web is a polymeric film comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting of extruded low density polyethylene (LDPE), polyolefin plastomers (POP), polyolefin elastomers (POE), linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE), high density polyethylene (HDPE), polypropylene (PP), ethylene methyl acrylate copolymer (EMA), ethylene butyl acrylate copolymer (EnBA), ethylene methyl acrylic acid copolymer (EMAA), ionomoers, ethylene vinyl alcohol (EVOH), polyesters such as polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polyamides, and one of the foregoing.
- 20. (Withdrawn) The product of claim 13 wherein the polymer coating comprises a coextrusion of at least two layers of polymer films.
  - 21. (Withdrawn) A product formed according to the method of claim 1.